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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Budget and Finance Division, OSA
Chief, Programs Staff, OSA

SUBJECT : Reimbursement for T2A Flying Hours Connected with
Carrier Qualification of IDEALIST Pilots

1. Arrangements have been completed with the U. S. Navy to commence training on 16 September [redacted] in flight operations from carriers. This training will be conducted at the Naval Air Facility, Monterey, California, on T2A training aircraft made available for this purpose by the Navy. As an augmentation to the normal complement of aircraft on that Station, three additional aircraft are being provided for our use there.

2. The anticipated training syllabus in the T2A will approximate thirty flying hours per pilot. It is anticipated that there may be some additional time required over and above this figure because of commutation time between NAF Monterey and the Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California, where the actual Field Carrier Landing Program will be run. As a planning figure, we have chosen twelve pilots to be put through the course, including quite possibly flight time by the Detachment Commander and his Operations Officer. The Navy advises us that the flying hour rate on the T2A is [redacted] While an accurate estimate of the total hours required to qualify [redacted] cannot be tied completely down, it is estimated that a working figure could run as high as 410 hours. I am also advised that since the Navy did not program for this training in the current fiscal year, that they would be obliged to look to this Agency for reimbursement of the flying hours, which they would then translate into an increase in the POL authorization, operations and maintenance costs for the command at NAF Monterey.

Navy has no objection to declassification and release.

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4. Those monies required for the travel and Per Diem [redacted] personnel referred to above will not be transferred to Navy, but will be administered through the Detachment at Edwards Air Force Base. The only other commitment to Navy at this time in this area involves our agreement to reimburse Lt. Commander John Huber, USN, the Landing Signals Officer, who has been designated to work with [redacted] for TDY payments when he is obliged to be away from his base at NAS Lemoore involved in this training exercise. [redacted] will advance funds to him for this purpose and account for them through the Detachment accounting system.

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